

# **WASHINGTON STATE FIRE DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**March 20, 2007**

### **Teleconference Meeting**

The Washington State Fire Defense Committee held a regular meeting by teleconference on March 20, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Present at the meeting were:

Central Region:	North
Lower Columbia Region	
Mid Columbia Region	Randy Johnson
Northeast Region	Bill Walkup, Bruce Holloway
Northwest Region	
Olympic Region	
South Puget Sound Region	Jon Fallstrom, Dan Smith
Southeast Region	Grant Baynes, Bob Gear
Southwest Region	Tom McDowell
WSP Fire Protection Bureau	Dan Johnson, Mike Matlick, Esther Hernandez
DNR	
EMD	Ron Wilson
FPPB	
Guests:	Bob Kirk, Rick Woodall, Lonnie Click

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walkup at 10:00 a.m. as a work session.

### **AGENDA**

By consent a second item was added to the action items - approval of the move plan changes.

Randy Johnson suggested the All Risk Mobilization item # 8 under reports be moved to the active items section.

A matter regarding the Open Public Meetings Act was requested to be put under new items by Mike Matlick.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **1. Hanford Fire Department Mobilization Claim Appeal**

Dan Johnson explained the reasons for denial of the claim.

1. A delay in excess of the 45 day limit for submitting the claim, and
2. some of the time requested was not supported by the shift plan

Chief Kirk of the Hanford Fire Department explained their position referring to the document that was in the email to Committee members.

After discussion of the issues it was clarified that the denial letter from WSP to Hanford Fire only referenced the issue of accountability and tracking of the resources. No mention was made of the 45 day limit for submitting the claim.

***Fallstrom moved that the claim be allowed predicated upon the appropriate paper work existing, appropriately signed by the division supervisor and that there was no published demobilization list for the crew to reasonably know that they were to be dismissed. The motion was seconded by Baynes and approved.***

In regards to the matter of the time limit it was the consensus of the Committee that there was support with taking a hard line on the time limit for submittal of claims. There was concern on the part of the committee that failure to support the time limit could cause future problems. It was agreed that language regarding the 45 day time limit and procedures for variances and penalties be considered for inclusion in the plan.

Mike Matlick stated that they accepted the decision of the committee and would work on getting the claim processed.

## **2. Mobilization plan changes .**

Changes as emailed for action were discussed and amended as agreed.

The definition of Hasty Mobilization Response was discussed in detail with the decision to have Baynes and Gear revise this definition and send out a draft. The name would be changed to Immediate Need Resources as well.

Newly proposed changes to Section # 6 were emailed earlier this date and Dan Johnson asked for consideration of these changes. The changes primarily related to when mobilization could be approved or denied and mobilization to no-man's-land.

After discussion, it was moved by Baynes and seconded by Walkup that no changes to this section be made at this time. The rationale was that the issue of all-risk mobilization and funding is currently under consideration by the State Fire Chiefs and the Policy Board and it is appropriate to resolve that issue before making any changes to this section.

## **REPORTS**

### **1. Fire Protection Bureau - Matlick**

Mike reported that they were keeping their eyes on several legislative issues.

### **2. Emergency Management - Wilson**

Ron reported that the CBRNE bill appears dead at the legislature. It was a money thing. Ron informed the Committee about a HazMat workshop in the Tri-Cities March 31 - April 1<sup>st</sup>. There is still some room in the class

### **3. DNR - No representative - No report**

### **4. Fire Protection Policy Board - Walkup**

Bill Walkup, Randy Johnson, Grant Baynes and Jon Fallstrom attended the last FPPB meeting. They reported that the Policy Board supports the “all-risk” concept of mobilization and is working to resolve it.

5. Geographic Board – Walkup

Bill advised that the next meeting of the GEO Board will be in conjunction with the IMT conference in Spokane in April.

6. PNWCG working team – No LaFave – No Report

7. All Risk Standards and Credentialing – McDowell

Tom said he had emailed to all Committee members some basic concepts regarding the implementation of type 3 teams and asked for input. He requested that committee members reply to the email in a timely fashion.

## **ACTIVE ISSUES**

1. Goal 3 of Business Plan – Baynes

This matter on hold until after the all-risk issue has been dealt with.

2. All risk – standards and credentialing – (see # 7 above)

3. Regional re-alignment – Baynes

Grant recommended this matter be left on hold for future developments, if any.

4. All Risk Mobilization – Johnson

Randy relayed that Mike Brown had met with Legislator O’Brien to discuss this last night to further articulate the issue for movement forward.

O’Brien opinion that the matter probably did not require legislative action, that it appears more to determine where the interpretation that only wildfire mobilizations were allowable for reimbursement came from.

## **NEW ISSUES**

Mike Matlick stated that in a conversation with their AG it was the opinion that the meetings of the SFDC fell under the guidelines of the Open Public Meeting Act and therefore the meetings needed to be published at least 20 days in advance. He offered to take care of the meetings scheduled to date.

There was some discussion as to how teleconference meetings could be conducted to fall under the guidelines of the OPM act.

Some members of the committee suggested that as a committee which made recommendations to the FPPB that we were not under the OPM act, but the FPPB was.

This will be researched.

McDowell requested members to return to him, as soon as possible, the information regarding their pager numbers for the State EMD paging system.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS COMING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

The next meeting will be a held in Spokane in conjunction with the Washington Incident Management Team Conference in April. Actual date and time to be announced.

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## MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

JANUARY	16 <sup>TH</sup>	KELSO
FEBRUARY	20 <sup>TH</sup>	VANCOUVER
MARCH	20 <sup>TH</sup>	SPOKANE
APRIL	17 <sup>TH</sup>	CLARK COUNTY
MAY	15 <sup>TH</sup>	EASTSIDE F & R – ISSAQUAH
JUNE	19 <sup>TH</sup>	SPOKANE
JULY	17 <sup>TH</sup>	QUINCY
AUGUST	NO MEETING	
SEPTEMBER	18 <sup>TH</sup>	TRI-CITIES
OCTOBER	16 <sup>TH</sup>	CAMP MURRAY
NOVEMBER	20 <sup>TH</sup>	CAMP MURRAY
DECEMBER	NO MEETING	